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Choose Life Ministries

Life News

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves;

Great Expectations

but our sufficiency is of God. 2 Cor. 3:5

This summer has been a summer of expectation. Choose Life ministries is entering their 3rd year of ministry excited about all God has in store. We finished our travels and speaking in Virginia Beach and had the awesome opportunity to minister at the International Christian Church. Pastor Sonny and his wife greatly encouraged us and it was exciting to see God at work in this special congregation.

On our way back to our home base we stopped in Washington DC for a week and used that opportunity to visit our Nation's Capitol as silent witnesses for the unborn; however God has placed on Doug's heart a strong desire to return to speak there and to pro-



Praying at the Supreme Court

claim the truth of the sanctity of human life to our Nation's leaders.

Arriving back in Eastern Kentucky we ministered at many churches in this area. We also had a meeting with Shirley Cox, writer for the NAMB. She has written an article about CLM which we have included in this newsletter and which will also appear in other publications and online. We are

excited to see how God will use this writing to continue to spread the message of the Sanctity of Human Life.

I have saved the best news for last. We revisited a church here in E. KY called Dewitt B/C. They have responded to the call to proclaim the truth and to pray fervently for the unborn and an end to abortion in our nation. Please pray for Pastor Brian, his wife and their congregation as they organize a prayer walk uniting the churches of Knox Co. for the cause of the unborn. As stated at the beginning, we have great expectations for what God is going to do right here in E. KY and across our Nation. Praise His name!

Youth News by Cliff Cullen

This is my final article... for a while anyway. I graduated from high school in May, and I am currently attending Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville Ky. The same school that dad graduated from in May of 2005. When the Dean of students introduced me at orientation he mentioned our ministry and that I speak to youth, which has already opened some doors. I am looking forward to continuing the ministry while I am here.

I also had the awesome privilege of speaking at my home church's

youth group. This was exciting for me, because the youth at Mill Creek B/C are on fire for God. As we have traveled, we have found this to be true of youth across the U.S.

We have seen this fire not only in youth groups but also at a Christian concert that we attend every year. This was our fourth year at the Ichthus festival in Wilmore KY, and we saw more people and more bands on fire than ever before. Many of the bands had messages of standing up for what you believe; in a world that continually pushes us down. The speakers

spoke of not conforming to the world's standards, or lack thereof. It was a great encouragement for our family to see that there is still hope for America in this next generation.

Please continue to remember us (the next generation) in your prayers because we have a long hard fight ahead of us, and I for one am not giving up. Until next time: Don't give up, witness to everyone you see, and keep up on the issues!

Therefore Choose Life by Shirley Cox, writer for NAMB

MSC missionary Doug Cullen's calling began when he reluctantly agreed to go with his wife, Joli, to a dessert fundraiser at a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Florida. That night, Doug heard the testimony of 23-year-old Gianna Jessen, a woman who was aborted and did not die.

Gianna's biological mother was seven months pregnant when she

went to a Planned Parenthood Clinic in Southern California. She was advised to have a late-term saline abortion. After drowning in the solution for approximately 18 hours, the 2-lb. baby was delivered ALIVE. Despite several more attempts to end her life, the tiny baby did not die. A nurse finally had the baby transferred to a hospital and another nurse later adopted her. But the abortion

attempts left Gianna with Cerebral Palsy. "It allows me to really depend on Jesus for everything," she said as she spoke before a House Judiciary Subcommittee in Washington, D. C. in 2000.

Stricken by Gianna's testimony, Doug Cullen volunteered for several years at a Crisis Pregnancy (continued on page 2)

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Center by driving a mobile unit motor home. He also took crisis pregnancy counseling classes. "I did what a man can do in a pregnancy center," he said. Later, while a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Doug wrote many papers on the sanctity of life. "Everyone knew my stance," he said. "That was my passion."

Doug and Joli considered taking a mission trip to Haiti in the summer of 2004 until they sensed God leading them in a different direction. Deciding to "test the waters," the couple lined up speaking engagements in churches in Florida for the next few months. "We knew right away what God was calling us to do," he said.

After Doug graduated in 2005, he and Joli began "Choose Life Ministries" based on Deut. 30:19. Packing their teenagers, Cliff, Caitlyn and Crystal into a suburban van, they began traveling and speaking about the sanctity of life for three months at a time. "In 2006, we felt God calling us to do more so we gave up our rental home, gave away and sold our possessions except what is stored in a 10 x 10 storage building," Doug said. "We haul our belongings in a utility trailer behind the van. We don't have a home."

Since 2005 the Cullen family has shared their sanctity of human life message in 210 churches and schools in fifteen states. Traveling 40-44 weeks each year, they usually sleep in church parsonages and missionary houses. When no housing was available, they stayed briefly in a retirement home—a perfect venue for their message. "The residents reacted very positively," Doug said. "We want to reach all ages from tiny children to the elderly." Their teenagers are also involved in the ministry. Cliff speaks to youth groups and Caitlyn and Crystal minister with puppets. Caitlyn also shares songs in sign language. When they are not traveling, the family stays in a mission house at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, Ky.

As the ministry develops, the Cullens are amazed by the different ways God uses their message. "During our first trip out west, 12 people accepted Christ," Doug said. "Several middle-aged women who had abortions in the past have come forward for prayer. 'I know I have been forgiven,' a woman told Doug, 'but I will never forget that I took my child's life.'"

The family has also given away approximately 10,000 models of 10-12 week babies in the womb. "A pastor used the model to

witness to a 16-year-old girl who came to him for counseling," Doug said. "The girl decided to keep the baby." God also spoke through a model when a church member who had heard their sanctity of life message was faced with the pregnancy of her own daughter. "We have to abort it! she thought. This is her first year of college!" The night before the scheduled abortion, however, the mother knelt to pray. When she reached into a nightstand drawer to get something to wipe her tears, out fell one of the little baby models. "We will work through this," the mother told her daughter. "We can't do the abortion."

"We have a vision of traveling with other families to hold week-long conferences emphasizing the sanctity of marriage and family and also evangelism in addition to the sanctity of life message," Doug said. "Our goal in 'Choose Life Ministries' is not to change pro-choice people into pro-life people but it is for people to know Jesus through the sanctity of life message we share."

Doug and Joli request prayer for spiritual protection, for mission volunteers able to travel, for monthly financial support, motor home, and for a power point projector.

That Thou and Thy Seed May Live (Bridges' Blessing) by Libby Bridges

In June 2004, we found we were expecting our second child. From the beginning I had complications, bleeding. I went to my doctor and at 5 ½ weeks we could see the heart beating in the ultrasound. My doctor knew we were going to be moving from

Mississippi to Kentucky for my Husband to attend Bible College. After moving I found a new OB/GYN and had my medical records with me. I did not want to take the triple screen test but this new doctor insisted. I did

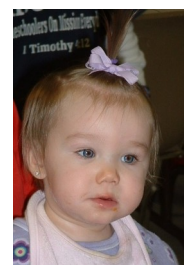
not like the way he conducted his practice or treated his patients. Again, I went looking for another OB/GYN. In the meantime, my test results had come in. The nurse on the other end of the phone informed me that it was a shame I was not coming back

to their office because there was something wrong with my "fetus" and they refused to release my records to me. I found a great doctor in Corbin, KY. He did everything in his power to help us get the records. Request after request was made

and finally I was sent to Kentucky University Prenatal Diagnostic Center in Lexington, Ky. The night before we were to leave, a group of students at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College came to pray and lay hands on us and our unborn baby. It was in Lexington that I had two extensive ultrasounds. Both times the specialist told us he saw no signs of Down's syndrome or Spina Bifida. Before the first trip we were asked the questions, "What if something is wrong? What

do you feel your choices are?" We had only ONE choice. We knew we had to have the baby. God had blessed us with another child and we had no right to make a decision only God should make. The doctors agreed and supported our decision. We had enough faith in our Lord to know that whatever situation we were about to face He would give us the strength to make it through. Whether or not there was anything wrong with Michaela or not; whether it was the power of prayer or a false positive with the testing; GOD was and is in control. Michaela was born in 2005, healthy and beautiful. OUR PRAISE IS TO

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Children's Ministry: The children's ministry has continued throughout the summer; we'll have more on that in our next newsletter. We are seeking God's plan for the children and youth ministry. Cliff will continue to speak to youth while attending college here in E. KY. God has placed a call on Joli's heart to minister to youth and she and the girls will continue the youth ministry and the children's ministry as God leads. We believe God has laborers to help in these vital ministries. Please pray that He will send them into the harvest.